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**WWLP – SPRINGFIELD, MA**

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**The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      07/01/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Five men accused of approaching a prostitute for sex found the trick was allegedly on them. They were all busted in a Springfield police undercover sting operation. Springfield Sgt. John Delany told 22news the men were arrested Wednesday afternoon after they allegedly offered a female undercover police officer who was posing as a prostitute, money for sex. The sting operation took place at the corner of Main and Locust Streets. The suspects are from Springfield, West Springfield and East Hartford Connecticut. Delany said more undercover prostitution sting operations are planned for this summer.

**News                                      07/05/10                                      11pm                                      : 30**

One man is under arrest tonight, accused of raping his 4 year old family member, who is now hospitalized with serious injuries. Detective Mike Chapin told 22News the little girl was sexually assaulted at her home at 693 Carew Street sometime yesterday evening. The girl's mother called police and arrested 19 year old Angel Santizo, who's an illegal immigrant from Guatemala. Police are looking for a second suspect in connection with the crime.

**News                                      07/06/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Springfield police are looking for a man accused of allegedly raping a four year old girl. Sergeant John Delaney told 22News that Edilzar Mazariegos, also known as Edy Gonzales is wanted in connection with an attack that happened July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the girl's Springfield home. The little girl is in serious condition at Baystate Medical Center. The suspect is from Guatemala, with ties in Greenfield, Springfield, and West Palm Beach, Florida. If you have any information call the Springfield Police Department's Special Victims Unit at 787 - 6352, or 911, or you can text a tip.

**News                                      07/07/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

A former Catholic Priest in Connecticut is in jail, charged with stealing more than \$1,000,000 from the church. Police allege 65 year old Kevin Gray spent the money on fine dining, high end hotels, international travel, and male escorts. He had served as the Priest at Sacred Heart in Waterbury and even told parishioners that he was undergoing treatment for cancer to explain all of his absences. The Archdiocese, who discovered the missing money, says they are now working with the authorities.

**News                                      07/07/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Three Springfield Police Officers have been released from the hospital after being hurt during a pursuit of a stolen car. It started on Alderman Street and ended on State Street near Springfield Technical Community College. Springfield Police Lt. John Slepchuk told 22News 3 people ran from 2 cars involved in the chase. An adult and juvenile are under arrest while the 3<sup>rd</sup> suspect got away. One car hit a traffic island on State Street the other went through the fence at STCC. A Springfield police cruiser was damaged as well.

**News**                                      **07/09/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A Ludlow man has been charged with drunk driving after his car collided with a motorcycle, seriously injuring the motorcycle operator. Ludlow Police Sgt. Daniel Valadas told 22News the accident happened just before 9:15 p.m. at the intersection of Cherry and Fuller Streets. The 37 year old motorcycle operator, also a Ludlow resident, was rushed to Baystate Medical Center. Sgt. Valadas said 29 year old Carlos Serrazina was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.

**News**                                      **07/09/10**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

Eight people were arrested overnight at a sobriety checkpoint in Springfield. The line was long at this checkpoint on West Columbus Avenue because of a concert at the MassMutual Center. Eight people were charged with operating under the influence.

**News**                                      **07/10/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A Hartford police officer is recovering in the hospital after being shot multiple times early this morning with a rifle. Police say the officer was shot while chasing a suspect in the city's northeast section just after midnight. Cops were called to the area to investigate reports of a man with a gun. Police have arrested the suspect, while the unidentified officer is being treated at Saint Francis Hospital.

Investigators recovered a rifle they believe was used in the shooting. The suspect surrendered shortly after and faces multiple criminal charges.

**News**                                      **07/11/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Breaking news out of Springfield's North End this morning where a man is in serious condition at Baystate Medical center after being shot in the chest. Springfield Police Lieutenant John Slepchuk told 22News the victim was shot on Greenwich Street and someone took him to nearby Baystate Medical Center sometime before 2:00 a.m. There's no word yet on any possible suspects.

**News**                                      **07/11/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are still on the lookout this morning for a man they say ran away after shooting someone in a shopping plaza parking lot. Police were called to the former Circuit City parking lot at Boston Road and Parker Street around 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, but the

victim had already brought himself to Mercy Medical Center. Lieutenant Robert Strzempek told 22News the victim was bleeding but okay to walk by himself.

**News**                                      **07/11/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

There was a murder in Chicopee where a man was stabbed outside a bar. Police found a man stabbed in the chest, outside of the B-Bar around 2:00 a.m. Sergeant Patrick Major told 22News police responded to a disturbance call at the B-Bar on 16 Bolduc Lane. He says it was a fight, but he's not sure how many people were involved. At this time they don't know if the fight happened inside or outside of the bar. When they arrived, they found an unconscious man, lying outside of the bar with one stab wound to the chest. They transferred the unidentified victim to BayState Medical center, and he was pronounced dead when he arrived. For now, we're not sure if police are looking for a suspect.

**News**                                      **07/12/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Holyoke police seize hundreds of bags of heroin and a fully loaded semi-automatic pistol in a stake-out drug bust. Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22news detectives arrested Desiree Valent, Luis Saez, and Joshua Ortiz. Chief Scott said Police seized 491 bags of heroin with an estimated value of \$4,900. Chief Scott said they also seized a 9 millimeter semi-automatic Lugar and dozens of live rounds of ammunition.

**News**                                      **07/13/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Less than 24 hours after a former Springfield man became the city's 9th murder victim this year, an arrest. 18 year old Ray Rios of 31 Calhoun Street is now charged with murder, weapons violations, and assault with a dangerous weapon, and discharging a firearm within city limits. Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney told 22news Rios is well known to police, and was picked-up in Mason Square while officers were looking for witnesses.

**News**                                      **07/14/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Authorities want your help finding a man wanted in at least 10 bank robberies in four New England states. The suspect, dubbed the "Burly Bandit," is believed to have robbed banks in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire in the last 3 months. The FBI is offering up to a \$20,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest. If you know something, call the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force in Boston at (617)742-5533.

**News**                                      **07/14/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Police have put the brakes on two men who were reportedly using a Springfield street as a drag racing strip. 20 year old Mark Anthony Carrasquillo and 20 year old Justin Nunez were arrested around 3 a.m. this morning after police saw the men allegedly street racing on Sumner Avenue. According to Springfield police spokesman John Delaney, both men had their cars impounded. They were also charged with numerous motor vehicle violations.

Delaney told 22News Springfield police will continue to arrest and prosecute drag racers within city limits.

**News**                                      **07/14/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Police call him the "one armed bandit." Springfield police arrested Manuel Hernandez of Springfield this afternoon. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News that Hernandez, who has just one arm and is also known as "LEFTY", is accused of robbing a victim at Chestnut and Mattoon Streets just after noon. Police say they found the victim's wallet and \$350 in cash on Hernandez. Hernandez will be arraigned tomorrow on a charge of unarmed robbery.

**News**                                      **07/15/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

West Springfield police need your help in identifying these people. They are wanted for allegedly cashing thousand of dollars in counterfeit payroll checks at several banks located throughout Western Massachusetts. Detective Matthew Mattina told 22News that police are looking for two white men, and an African American female. If you have any information, please contact the West Springfield Detective Bureau at (413)263-3210. You can also leave an anonymous text message to Text-a-tip.

**News**                                      **07/17/10**                                      **9am**                                      **: 30**

Springfield Police detectives are searching for suspects after a shooting in the entertainment district. Lieutenant John Slepchuk told 22News around 3 a.m. this morning a man was shot in the back while standing near the corner of Dwight and Bridge Streets. He was taken to Baystate Medical Center and is expected to be ok. The suspects reportedly took off in a blue car with tinted windows. Police don't have a description on those suspects at this time.

**News**                                      **07/18/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Shoppers were shocked and horrified to see a married couple shot to death in an Enfield parking lot late this morning. Police say a husband from Windsor, CT shot his wife in their car before turning the gun on himself. Weary customers of this Rite Aid pharmacy in Enfield shopped inside Sunday afternoon, as investigators probed a double shooting in the parking lot off Route 190. Chief Carl Sferrazza told 22News, a middle-aged man and woman from Connecticut were killed in an apparent murder-suicide just after 11 a.m. Horrified shoppers at a nearby supermarket heard gunshots and called police. A private domestic dispute between the couple turned deadly in a very public place. Police say they don't believe there was any past reporting of domestic abuse in this relationship. At this point their identities have not yet been released.

**News**                                      **07/18/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Pizza delivery drivers have been increasingly put in danger in Springfield. A young woman who delivers for Domino's was confronted by a gunman late last night while she was making

a stop on Conklin Street in Six Corners. Police Lt. John Slepchuk told 22News, the gunman made her give up forty dollars and then stole her car. Police spotted the stolen car on Wilbraham road and followed the robber on the run until he ditched the car on Rochelle Street in the upper hill neighborhood. The young woman wasn't hurt.

**News**                                      **07/18/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Faculty and students at Suffield Academy were shocked to hear a popular coach and counselor was shot by a lone gunman, while on the Cape vacationing with his family. 42 year old Patrick Shanahan is hospitalized in Boston with a severed spinal cord after he was shot outside a Laundromat in Dennis, late Friday night.

Police are looking into a motive but have made no arrests. Shanahan has worked at the Connecticut prep school for several years and is a graduate of UMass and AIC. He has family ties to western Mass.

**News**                                      **07/19/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

State and local police are looking into a shooting inside a Northampton home on Sunday night. In a release tonight Northampton Police Captain Scott Savino told 22News police and firefighters were called to the home at 321 Easthampton Road around 7:30 where they found a 40 year old woman who had been shot.

She was taken to Baystate Medical Center.

**News**                                      **07/19/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A disturbing discovery in Fitchburg, police say a mother was found murdered, with her small children nearby covered in blood. The kids were taken to a hospital to be checked out but are okay it's unclear if they witnessed their mother's brutal stabbing death. Authorities reportedly have a man in custody who also suffered stab wounds.

**News**                                      **07/20/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A Springfield man is accused of seriously injuring a five year old girl. According to Springfield Police Sgt. John Delaney, 30 year old Peter Sawyer of Springfield was arrested and charged with assaulting the girl in the face and head. She was treated at Baystate Medical Center yesterday. Delany said Sawyer is not the father of the little girl but lives with the mother. DCF Social Workers are working with the police.

**News**                                      **07/20/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Two homes undergoing renovations were hit overnight by thieves. 38 Year old Ronald Lumley was arrested after the owner caught him trying to cut copper pipe from a house on Montrose Street. The owner camped out in his van in the driveway after hearing about thefts in the area. Just a couple of hours later on Nottingham Street a man allegedly tried to steal siding from a house.

Workers on that project say it's a common crime.

**News**                                      **07/21/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Murduff's Jewelry in Florence is picking up the pieces after thieves broke in and damaged their store overnight. There was more damage than there was stolen merchandise. Owner Kurt Brazeau told us that there are about \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth of broken glass he has to replace. The thieves broke in through the window and they tried to smash the display cases to get to the jewels. While doing that, one or more of them must have cut themselves because there was blood all over the store. But, if customers do have pieces at the store, Brazeau says they don't have to worry.

**News**                                      **07/23/10**                                      **9am**                                      **: 30**

An unidentified man was found stabbed to death in Springfield. Springfield Police Captain Eugene Dexheimer said police were called to the apartment building at 719 Berkshire Avenue just after 3 a.m. Behind the apartment building they found the lifeless body of an unidentified black man who's believed to be in his 40's. According to Dexheimer, the victim was stabbed several times all over his body. At this time, the Detective Bureau and homicide unit are trying to figure out just when and where the stabbing happened, the identity of the victim, as well as who is responsible.

**News**                                      **07/23/10**                                      **9am**                                      **: 30**

47 year-old Edilberto Santiago of Springfield is under arrest after he allegedly began stabbing a teenage boy within plain sight of a state trooper. State Police Sergeant Tom Bakey told 22News he was patrolling for drunk drivers near the corner of Chestnut and Carew Streets just after midnight when he saw what he thought was a man punching a teenager. When Bakey got out of his car to stop it, he realized the teen was being stabbed. He arrested Santiago who was allegedly carrying a bloody knife. The teenager was stabbed in the leg and in the chest and was taken to the hospital but is expected to be okay.

**News**                                      **07/25/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

For the second time in two months, someone has thrown a Molotov cocktail into the Sixteen Acres Garden Center Parking lot on Wilbraham Road in Springfield. Shortly after 2:00 this morning, there was a Molotov cocktail thrown at a 1997 pick up truck in the same parking lot. And on May 16th someone threw a similar device at a 1996 Honda Accord. If you have any information please call the Springfield Arson Squad at 787-6370. All calls will be confidential.

**News**                                      **07/27/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Two Palmer residents are facing charges that they supplied alcohol to a 17 year old boy who later died in a dirt bike accident. Police say 45 year old Robin Kolakowski and 28 year old Kenneth Dean will be summoned to appear in court on charges of supplying alcohol to a minor. Detective Sgt. Scott Haley tells the Republican of Springfield that the teenager, Erik

Norman, drank alcohol during a bonfire in April at the apartment complex where Kolakowski and Dean live. Police say Norman died when he crashed his dirt bike into a utility pole after leaving the bonfire. Kolakowski denied giving alcohol to the teenager. No date has been set for their court appearance.

**News**                                      **07/28/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police have arrested Kristina Polcetti the woman they say barged into a North End apartment and opened fire on her ex-boyfriend. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News officers arrested Polcetti last night. On Friday she allegedly pointed a pistol at her ex-boyfriend and fired narrowly missing his head. According to Sgt. Delaney Polcetti was enraged to see her ex-boyfriend with his new girlfriend. She'll be arraigned today on charges including assault and battery with attempt to murder.

**News**                                      **07/28/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Montague police say they're trying to get the word out on a growing drug problem. They say it's a growing problem that they're beginning to crack down on. Chief Raymond Zukowski said Mitchell Barre was arrested yesterday after 300 pills of Oxycodone were allegedly mailed to his address. They say it's getting easier to fight since they have begun to charge people with the same possession charge as cocaine, and can charge them with trafficking the drugs. They say the drugs fetch a high price, \$30 or \$40 a pill, and people often are prescribed with over 300 at a time. They say they receive many suspicious reports that painkillers have been stolen.

**News**                                      **07/30/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Tragedy in the quiet town of Hampden, where two people were stabbed early this morning; one woman is dead and a man now in the hospital fighting for his life. This noontime police have arrested 19 year old Jesus Garcia of Springfield and charged him with murder. Police were called to the area of Main Street at 3 a.m. this morning, the police chief wants residents to know it was not a random act.

**News**                                      **08/01/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A 62 year old man is recovering after being shot in his stomach in Springfield. Lt. John Bobianski told 22News that the shooting happened around 6:35 at 34 Salem Street. The victim, Edward Torres, was able to get to 50 Mattoon Street where police found him. No suspects have been found. Torres is being treated at BayState Medical Center. He's currently in critical condition, but, doctors do expect him to survive.

**News**                                      **08/02/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Police say it took teamwork to pull off an armed robbery of a 2 Guy's Pizza delivery driver in Springfield. Two men, one on a bike and another in a car surrounded the victim tonight near Bay and Cambridge Streets in Springfield.



Lt. Alberto Ayala told 22News the robbers pointed a gun and demanded the driver's cash about two hours ago. They took off, and police following leads tonight.

**News**                      **08/02/10**                      **11pm**                      **: 30**

A police officer, finding himself on the wrong side of the law was arrested during a domestic dispute in his Enfield home. 34 year old Christopher White was arrested yesterday after getting into a fight with who he thought was an intruder.

Instead, the man was a guest of his girlfriend. White's lawyer says he grabbed a hand gun and got into a brawl with the man. The Hartford police officer, who's now facing a slew of charges, was released on bail and is due in court tomorrow morning.

**News**                      **08/02/10**                      **5pm**                      **: 30**

A dog owner was arrested on animal cruelty charges after he allegedly left his dogs sealed inside the back of his pickup truck at the Holyoke Mall. 40 year old Robert Defresne of West Springfield was released on personal recognizance after paying a \$40 bail fee. He is charged with two counts of animal cruelty. Holyoke police Lt. Manny Frebo told 22News Defresne left a golden retriever and a smaller dog inside the covered bed of his pickup for more than two hours Sunday. Febo said witness opened the bed of the truck and found both dogs in distress. Employees for Sears provided buckets of water to help revive the dogs. Both dogs were treated at a Springfield animal hospital, and are being held at a local animal shelter.

**News**                      **08/03/10**                      **5pm**                      **: 30**

There has been a mass murder at a beer distribution warehouse in Connecticut. Nine people are dead in the nation's deadliest rampage since the Fort Hood shootings last November. A warehouse driver who was asked to resign his job at a beer distributor went on a shooting rampage this morning in Manchester. That shooting rampage left nine people dead, including the shooter, who reportedly has ties to Enfield, CT. About 50 to 70 people were in the warehouse during a shift change when the gunman identified by the Associated Press as Omar Thornton opened fire around seven this morning. That's according to Brett Hollander, the director of marketing at Hartford Distributors. Hollander, whose family owns the distributor, said he did not know the driver well. Adding to the chaos was a small fire at the warehouse, which is about 10 miles east of Hartford that had been put out. Police officers from numerous agencies and police and fire vehicles surrounded the warehouse.

**News**                      **08/04/10**                      **5pm**                      **: 30**

Police are looking for a man who allegedly held up a bank in Longmeadow. The robbery happened just before eleven this morning at the Hampden Savings Bank located on Shaker Road. According to police the man walked into the bank and demanded money from the teller. The man then took off on foot. Anyone with information is asked to call the Longmeadow police department at 413 567-3311 or they can text a tip.

**News**                              **08/05/10**                              **6am**                              **: 30**

A scary situation for a family in Springfield after two men broke into their home. It happened around 2:30 this morning at 43 Copley Terrace on the third floor. Lt. John Slepchuck told 22news two masked men with handguns broke in and duct taped the hands and mouths of two adults and three children. One of them was a 10 year old girl. Lt. Slepchuck says they believe the men were looking for drugs and may have targeted the wrong house. Everyone is ok at this hour.

**News**                              **08/05/10**                              **5pm**                              **: 30**

And another disturbing attack on Cameron Street in Springfield. 43 year old Michael Wiecek is charged with attempted murder for allegedly attacking his former girlfriend. According to a news release from Sgt. John Delaney Wiecek poured lighter fluid all over her body and down her throat. He also attacked the woman's 10 year old son when the little boy came to her rescue. The 38 year old woman was able to get free and her son grabbed a cell phone and called police.

**News**                              **08/06/10**                              **11pm**                              **: 30**

Police say they busted five "johns" during a prostitution sting in Springfield. Sgt. John Delaney told 22News a woman undercover officer posed as a prostitute last night in the area of Main and Gardener Streets in the city's south end. The five men were arraigned today on charges of sexual conduct for a fee.

**News**                              **08/07/10**                              **6am**                              **: 30**

The homicide count for this year is now 10. Springfield police captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News police just before midnight police were called to 92 Oak Street for a report that shots were fired there. When officers arrived in the parking lot behind the building they found a man who had been shot several times all over his body. They tried to save him and he was taken by ambulance to Baystate Medical Center but he didn't make it. Dexheimer says there was a large and violent crowd in the parking lot when police arrived and more officers had to be called in just to keep everything under control. The Detective Bureau and Homicide unit are still piecing together clues right now there's no word yet on any suspects.

**News**                              **08/07/10**                              **6pm**                              **: 30**

Police say a possible serial bank robber is on the run tonight after holding up his second bank this week. A man got away with money after robbing the United Bank on 94 Shaker Road in East Longmeadow before noon. East Longmeadow Police Sgt. Patrick Manley told 22News the suspect walked into the bank and handed a note to the teller, saying he had a gun, demanding money. The teller passed the money over and the suspect took off on foot.

**News**                              **08/08/10**                              **7am**                              **: 30**

A nighttime drug raid has resulted in the arrest of the man Springfield police say is the number one drug supplier in the North End. Springfield police say North End's main drug supplier was arrested here at his home on Wentworth Street. Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News around 7 p.m. Saturday; police raided 32 year old Dennis Colon's home, here on 55 Wentworth Street. Police found about 900 grams of cocaine, valued at \$30,000, \$27,000 in cash, a loaded 9 millimeter handgun and packaging material. Colon was arrested for trafficking cocaine punishable by 15 mandatory years in jail, carrying a firearm and more.

**News**                                      **08/08/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A Springfield police officer is expected to recover after being attacked earlier today. Lt. John Slepchuk told 22News Eleni Mendez was jumped after officers were called to 132 Mill Street for a domestic dispute. That's when people inside the house reportedly went after the officer and mother of two seen here in a previous report on 22News. She suffered a sprained knee in the dust up.

**News**                                      **08/09/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

East Longmeadow police are trying to figure out who broke into a family's home late last night. According to East Longmeadow police Sgt. Jeffrey Dalessio, two men broke into 3 Robin Street just before midnight last night. They reportedly had a knife and stabbed the 62 year old man who lives there while going through his house. It's unclear right now if they took anything, but the man was hurt. He went to Baystate Medical Center and luckily is expected to be okay. Now, police want to know who did this and find out if it was random or if this single-family home was intentionally targeted. There are no specific descriptions of the suspects at this moment; however Dalessio would say they believe it was one black man and one white man. He added that this is the first home invasion in East Longmeadow in years.

**News**                                      **08/10/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

There's a new face on Holyoke's Ten Most Wanted List. That's because Jose Davila, a level three sex offender who was on the list, turned himself in. Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News Davila is being replaced on the list by Luis Baez. Baez is wanted for a variety of charges, including aggravated assault and battery on a pregnant woman. Chief Scott says that Baez should be considered armed and dangerous. His last known address was 588 South Summer Street in Holyoke.

**News**                                      **08/11/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

Two arrests have been made in connection with Sunday night's home invasion in East Longmeadow. Sgt. Jeffrey Dalessio told 22news that 20 year old Nikko Rivera and Andre Blanks, both of Springfield were arrested last night in Springfield. The two allegedly broke into a home on Robin Street in East Longmeadow just before midnight on Sunday. The 62 year old man living there was stabbed, but is okay. Sgt. Dalessio said the suspects were familiar with the house and it was not a random attack. Both are facing attempted murder charges.

**News**                                      **08/11/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A mother and daughter say a gunman unloaded a barrage of bullets into their bedroom early this morning missing each woman by mere inches. Police were called to 79 Maryland Street after 4 a.m. Shawny Rogers and her 17 year old daughter were lying in bed when the bullets pierced the windows and walls. The gunman narrowly missed each of them who consider themselves lucky to be alive.

**News**                                      **08/12/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Day two of drug sweeps in Holyoke ended with eleven more arrests. According to a Holyoke Police news release, charges ranged from drug possession and distribution, to driving with a suspended license. During today's sweep, police also confiscated bags of crack cocaine, marijuana, prescription pills and more than \$4,000 cash. Tuesday's sweep ended in eight arrests.

**News**                                      **08/14/10**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

New this morning, police in Springfield are searching for two suspects after an armed home invasion overnight. It happened on Albemarle Street around 2:30 a.m. Springfield Police Lt. Norman Charest told 22News, two masked men, dressed all in black kicked in the front door of the home, showed a rifle and demanded money. The person home at the time was not injured. Police are still investigating this morning what if anything was taken from the home.

**News**                                      **08/15/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Around 2 a.m. police were called to Central Street after a man was stabbed. Lt. Slepchuck told 22News, the man was stabbed once in the abdomen. No word on the severity of the man's injury. No arrests have been made.

**News**                                      **08/15/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Two men were stabbed outside of Frank's Package Store on Dickinson Street in Springfield around 6:30 this evening. Lt. Robert Strzempek told 22News they have a suspect in custody. 63 year old Mario Navedo was arrested for allegedly stabbing the two men. Both of the victims underwent surgery at Baystate Medical Center. One was nearly stabbed in the heart.

**News**                                      **08/15/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A Springfield teenager's birthday party was interrupted by gunfire early this morning. The gunman allegedly targeted the house at 58 Quebec Street in the Indian Orchard section of the city. Springfield Police Captain Marc Anthony told 22News; inside the house people were helping a girl celebrate her 16th birthday. Captain Anthony said officers found several casings from a 22 caliber pistol. Luckily no one was hurt. What police don't know at the

moment is whether the gunman on the street was actually aiming at the house or if he was trying to shoot at someone outside.

**News**                                      **08/17/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Agawam Police are investigating a bank robbery. This afternoon, the Westfield Bank located at 655 Main Street was robbed. Agawam Police Lt. Richard Light told 22News, a man handed the teller a note saying he had a weapon and demanded cash. The suspect got away with an undetermined amount of cash. The suspect is described as a white man, slender build, wearing a dark shirt, khaki shorts, white sneakers and a blue baseball cap. If you have any information, you can call the Agawam police department at 786-4767.

**News**                                      **08/19/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Holyoke police chief Anthony Scott released the results for the city's 28th Take Back Our Streets operation. The crime crackdown, also known as operation T-BOS, kicked off yesterday morning and resulted in eleven arrests. Those arrested face charges ranging from drinking in public to drug possession and drug distribution. Numerous law enforcement officers, including State Police and Federal Agents assisted Holyoke police in the initiative

**News**                                      **08/22/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police are on the lookout this morning for two men they say tried to steal a car from someone they were getting a ride from. Lieutenant Slepchuk told 22News the driver of the car picked up the suspects at Liberty and Chestnut Streets after they said they needed a ride to see a relative. When they reached the corner of Riverside Drive and M Street just after 3 o'clock one of the men pulled out a gun and the other one held a knife to the driver's throat and demanded the car. They then drove off. The victim wasn't able to give police a description of the suspects other than that they were two Hispanic men. The car stolen is a red 2006 Nissan Altima sedan with Massachusetts license plate 6673 WH.

**News**                                      **08/22/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

New this morning a man from Springfield is recovering at Baystate Medical Center after being shot in the foot. Springfield Police Lieutenant John Slepchuk told 22News, police found the victim in the middle of a crowd of about 40 people near 24 Eastern Avenue just before 1 o'clock. No arrests have been made but Slepchuk says police think they know who shot the man. The victim is reportedly not cooperating with police.

**News**                                      **08/23/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Dozens of people were arrested in Holyoke over the weekend in the latest "Operation Take-Back- Our-Streets." Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News the three-day "Operation T-Boss" effort resulted in twenty-six arrests.

Charges range from drug possession and distribution to operating without a license. State Police and Federal Agents assisted Holyoke police in the latest round of "T-BOS" arrests.

**News**                              **08/26/10**                              **12pm**                              **: 30**

New this afternoon, police in Westfield are looking for a suspect after several hand guns were stolen from a gun store early this morning. Detective Lieutenant David Ragazini reports that a lone individual broke into B & G Sporting Goods at 14-60 Russell Road around 4:30 a.m. The person allegedly took several handguns. The owners of the store live next door and were surprised that the thief was able to get in.

**News**                              **08/27/10**                              **5am**                              **: 30**

New this morning, one person is dead after an all night standoff in the eastern part of the state. State police said a man wanted in the attempted murder of his wife barricaded himself inside the Arbor Inn in Wrentham just before 11 p.m. The standoff finally ended at 2 a.m. when police confirmed the suspect was dead. It's unclear at this hour if the man killed himself or if he was shot by police.

**News**                              **08/27/10**                              **5am**                              **: 30**

A man from Springfield's forest park neighborhood is in critical condition after being shot during an attempted robbery. It happened at 314 Orange Street just after ten last night. Capt. William Collins told 22news the victim was coming home when the suspect demanded money and then shot him in the stomach. The suspect ran off without any money. The victim is at the hospital this morning.

**News**                              **08/27/10**                              **5pm**                              **: 30**

Chicopee police are searching for a man they allege is a major suspect in housebreaks in the Aldenville area of the city. According to a police news release 20 year old Michael Drouillard of Chicopee bragged to friends about the number of housebreaks he's done. He is also wanted for possession of heroin and receiving stolen property. If you have any information on where Michael Drouillard is please call the Chicopee Police Department at 592-6341.

**News**                              **08/27/10**                              **5pm**                              **: 30**

It's no bologna! A Holyoke man is charged with trafficking cocaine by smuggling it in some lunch meat. Juan Rodriguez was arrested by Holyoke police for illegal possession of drugs and other charges. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22News that Rodriguez received a package in the mail from Puerto Rico. Inside the package was a whole bologna hidden inside the meat was 2.2 pounds of cocaine. The cocaine is worth \$100,000. A postal inspector had contacted Holyoke Police, believing the package contained illegal drugs. The package was screened by drug sniffing dogs, which confirmed it. Bail for Rodriguez was set at \$250,000.

**News**                              **08/28/10**                              **6am**                              **: 30**

New this morning, three women are at Baystate Medical Center after they were all stabbed in a fight. Springfield Police Lieutenant John Slepchuk told 22News the women began fighting inside Mr. D's bar on Main Street. That fight got taken outside where all three women were stabbed; one was stabbed in the chest and may have punctured a lung. There's concern that another could have ruptured an artery. Their conditions haven't been released but all three women are expected to recover. No arrests have yet been made.

**News**                      **08/28/10**                      **6pm**                      **: 30**

The search continues for a hit and run driver who allegedly hit a state police cruiser and a man changing his tire on the side of the road. 41 year old Lewis Valasquez of Holyoke was changing his tire around 2:30 a.m. in the breakdown lane near exit four on interstate 391. State Police Trooper Jarret Tiberi stopped to help. Massachusetts State Police Trooper John Vasquez told 22News a light colored SUV swerved into the breakdown lane, hit Velasquez and the trooper's cruiser. Velasquez was rushed to the hospital but is expected to be ok. The trooper was not hurt. If you know the whereabouts of the SUV with its heavy front end damage, please call state police in Springfield at 736-8390.

**News**                      **08/28/10**                      **6pm**                      **: 30**

For the second time this month someone has held up the East Longmeadow branch of United Bank on Shaker road. East Longmeadow Police Sgt. Richard Bates told 22News, a woman gave the teller a note that the thief had a gun, and took an undisclosed amount of money. No one actually saw the gun. Sgt Bates feels there may be a connection between this woman and the man who held up the same bank two weeks ago.

**News**                      **08/29/10**                      **7am**                      **: 30**

Springfield police came to the aid of a man who was apparently stabbed during a fight at a bar early this morning. Lieutenant John Slepchuk told 22News the victim was kicked out of the First-N-10 sports bar on Worthington Street just before 2 this morning after he had gotten into a fight there. After he had left the victim realized he had been stabbed in his right side. He found a police officer who was patrolling nearby and asked for help. The victim was taken to Baystate Medical Center and is expected to be ok.

**News**                      **08/30/10**                      **6am**                      **: 30**

Springfield police are investigating an early morning armed robbery. Captain Eugene Dexheimer told 22News, that two men, one carrying a semi-automatic pistol, robbed the all night Tedeschi food store at Boston Road and Bay Street around 4 a.m. One was wearing a red hoodie and the other a black hoodie. The clerk was not hurt. The men got away with cash and cigarettes. Detectives are looking at the surveillance video for possible leads.

**News**                      **08/30/10**                      **6pm**                      **: 30**

Springfield police charged a 70 year old man with enticing a child. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22News police arrested Randolph Lester last night at the corner of Lincoln and Magazine Streets. Sergeant Delaney said Lester attempted to entice two sisters age 7 and 9 at Magazine Park. Delaney said Lester, who's also known as "The Preacher," grabbed an 8 year old boy by the neck and put him in a headlock. Delaney said Lester stands on traffic islands, sometimes wearing a priest collar begging and demanding money. Police say Lester is not affiliated with any church.

**News**                                      **09/01/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Police have busted an alleged drug selling operation out of a Holyoke furniture store. According to a Holyoke police news release sent to 22News Nathaniel Hernandez and his brother Carmelo were arrested yesterday during a police raid at Hernandez Furniture Store on Main Street. Chief Anthony Scott told 22News Holyoke police, and members of the FBI gang task force confiscated more than \$2,500 worth of Oxycodone and other pills during the raid. Both men face drug possession and trafficking charges.

**News**                                      **09/02/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield police have charged a 16 year old boy in connection with a deadly shooting last month. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney told 22news that Angel Pantoja was arrested on Malden Street yesterday. He is charged with the murder of 25 year old Adam Perez. Perez was shot and killed outside his home at 314 Orange Street two weeks ago. Sergeant Delaney said robbery was the motive for the city's 12th murder of the year.

**News**                                      **09/05/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

We begin this morning with breaking news that a man has died after an early morning shooting in Holyoke. Holyoke Police Sergeant Larry Cournoyer told 22News that police first got a call that a man had been shot near the area of Hampshire and Walnut Streets around 4 a.m. Sunday morning. He had to be taken to Baystate Medical Center by ambulance where he later died, according to Captain Arthur Monfette. Holyoke Detectives and Massachusetts State Police are currently out on Walnut Street between Sargent and Hampshire Street looking for clues. Very little information about the victim has been released at this point. .

**News**                                      **09/05/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Five men are facing charges this morning after Holyoke police say they got into a fight at the mall Saturday night. Holyoke police Sgt. Arthur Cranshaw told 22News that the suspects, all in their 20's were involved in a fight outside AC Moore just after 7:30 p.m. All were charged with being disorderly. No one was badly hurt and no one would tell police what started the fight.

**News**                                      **09/05/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Springfield, where a neighborhood



Festival turned violent, and police had to clear the crowds. Springfield's Stone Soul Festival emptied early tonight. Traditionally a weekend of friendship and fun, the event took an unwelcome turn when several fights broke out during the concert, and organizers decided to stop the music. Springfield Police Lt. Alberto Ayala told 22News that police made two arrests during several disturbances, and that several police patrols were called in to help with crowd control. The festival was scheduled to go until ten, but organizers decided to close at eight. No word on injuries.

**News**                                      **09/05/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A 12 year old boy was shot in the leg outside a rental hall on St. James Avenue. 22News got there quickly soon after the shooting in the parking lot at 193 St. James Avenue. Chicopee Detective Sgt. Christopher Lareau told 22News there was a sweet 15 party going on in the hall. A fight broke out and some two hundred people filled the parking lot. According to Sgt. Lareau, some uninvited guests started shooting into the air. The boy who was shot is the brother of the girl who celebrated her birthday. The 12 year old will be okay. Police don't know who shot the boy.

**News**                                      **09/06/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

A Holyoke family is mourning the loss of their 16 year old, shot to death early this morning. Captain Arthur Monfette told 22News Jean Carlos Laguer was shot on Walnut Street in Holyoke around 4 a.m. Sunday morning. Police are not saying what led up to the shooting but friends claim he died a hero.

**News**                                      **09/06/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

Michael Pajak of Enfield who's accused of causing a crash that killed a state trooper remains under guard at Baystate Medical Center this morning. State police have a warrant for Pajak on a previous charge of driving with a suspended license. Bail has been set at \$50,000. The 32 year old was accused of speeding Thursday when the truck he drove hit a police cruiser, killing Trooper Kenneth Hall. A Connecticut state police spokesman told the Hartford Courant that an investigation continues and no charges have been filed in Connecticut.

**News**                                      **09/07/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

New this afternoon, police in Holyoke are searching for a man they believe allegedly shot and killed a 16 year old boy over the weekend. 20 year old Julio Reyes-Roman is wanted in connection with the murder of Jean Carlo Laguer. Police Chief Anthony Scott told 22news Reyes-Roman should be considered armed and dangerous. Police are asking him to surrender. Laguer was shot while trying to save his 18 year old brother who had been beaten unconscious by a group of people during a fight at a party in an apartment on Walnut Street. The group began beating Laguer. According to Chief Scott, Reyes-Roman shot the 16 year old when he tried to run.

**News**                                      **09/08/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Amherst Police are telling people in South Amherst to lock their doors. Since July 1st, the Amherst Police department has investigated 12 separate break-ins in South Amherst. The robberies have occurred in concentrated areas from East Hadley Road, south to Granby, east to Belchertown, and west to Hadley. Most of them have happened overnight when residents are home. The intruders enter through unlocked doors and steal any valuables they can easily find. Officer William Laramée told 22News police believe this is the work of one person or a group.

**News**                                      **09/09/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Amherst Police are investigating a possible break in a rash of robberies that have taken place in their town just about all summer long. Last night they arrested 23 year old Michael Gibbs of Springfield. According to Amherst Police Lt. Ronald Young, Gibbs was stopped by UMASS police around 10:30 last night after he was identified as a suspect in the robbery of some electronic items from a house on Sunset Avenue. According to Lt. Young, Gibbs was in possession of the stolen items when he was taken into custody. Gibbs was arraigned in Eastern Hampshire District Court this morning. There have been 12 separate break-ins this summer in a concentrated area from East Hadley Road, south to Granby, east to Belchertown and west to Hadley since July 1st. Most of them have happened overnight when residents were at home.

**News**                                      **09/12/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

We start off our newscast with breaking news. A body was found in Erving today according to the Shelburne Falls State Police. Police have not released more information about the incident. But, the Franklin County District Attorney's office has taken over the investigation.

**News**                                      **09/13/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

Police in Athol have confirmed that a husband and wife have been found dead. Just before 10 a.m. yesterday morning. A body was found in the Connecticut River in Erving. Athol Police Dispatcher Becky Isakson told 22News that hours later medical examiners removed another body from a house at 540 Pleasant Street in Athol. The Franklin County District Attorney's office has also taken over that investigation. Police would not say whether this was a murder-suicide.

**News**                                      **09/13/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Holyoke police say a victim's in surgery this afternoon after being shot three times, once in the back, and possibly twice in the head. It happened at the intersection of Mosher and North Bridge Streets 1:50 this afternoon. Holyoke Police Sgt. David O'Connell told 22News that the victim was unconscious when he was rushed to the hospital. Police arrested a man and charged him with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Sgt. O'Connell said police recovered a handgun.

**News**                                      **09/15/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A Maine man has been charged with vehicular homicide and drunken driving in the death of road worker on Route 9 in Framingham last night. Police said they arrested 29 year old Jeremy Gardner of Bridgton, Maine. A passenger in the car was also arrested. The victim's name hasn't been released yet.

**News**                                      **09/16/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

A Ludlow man whose dogs allegedly attacked a young girl is in police custody tonight. Ludlow Police Sgt. Daniel Valadas told 22News Bruno Fernandes was arrested tonight after an incident outside his Lakeview Avenue home. Officers patrolling the area noticed another dog that belonged to Fernandes wandering the streets. An animal control officer was called in to catch the dog and was then, according to Sgt. Valadas, threatened by Fernandes. Sgt. Valadas said several neighbors fed up with Fernandes' dogs came outside during the altercation, adding to the disturbance. Fernandes has been charged with threat to commit a crime, disorderly conduct and intimidation of a witness.

**News**                                      **09/19/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Connecticut State Police and Enfield Police are continuing to try to figure out what killed a man whose body was discovered Saturday. 22News cameras were rolling when Enfield and Connecticut State Police searched and took pictures outside a house on Spring Street. Enfield Police Lieutenant Steven Kaselous told 22News they're considering the man's death suspicious because of his age. The victim's name hasn't been released our sister station WTNH-TV is reporting that he's described as a white man in his mid to late 30s.

**News**                                      **09/20/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A man who admitted downloading child pornography on a Holyoke library computer is being held on \$250,000 bail for the alleged rape of a 10 year old boy. 30 year old Michael Houle of Chicopee pleaded not guilty to charges of rape of a child with force, indecent assault and battery, and threatening to commit a crime during his arraignment today in Springfield District Court. Springfield Police Sergeant John Delaney said Houle arrested Friday night, accused of luring the boy into the woods during a house party in Springfield, and then raping him. Delaney told 22News Houle threatened to kill the boy. Houle was wearing a monitoring bracelet at the time of the alleged rape.

**News**                                      **09/20/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Authorities are seeking the public's help for information in connection with the murder of a 70 year old man from Shutesbury. Paul Kirschner was found dead on Wednesday by police responding to a well-being check at 278 West Pelham Road. Assistant District Attorney Melissa Doran told The Recorder of Greenfield an autopsy determined that Kirschner was

killed. The cause of death was not immediately released; it is being investigated as a murder.

**News**                                      **09/21/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Two teenagers are facing numerous charges in connection with a tractor trailer break-in in Holyoke. According to a Holyoke police news release, 18 year old Edward Torres of Holyoke, and 17 year old Miguel Belen of Springfield were arrested around 1 a.m. near the Pioneer Valley Flea Market on Northampton Street. Chief Anthony Scott told 22News the two teens are accused of breaking into a tractor-trailer outside the business. Scott said they were caught with clothing and other items allegedly taken from the trailer.

**News**                                      **09/22/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

We begin with breaking news out of Springfield where police are using blood-hounds to help them track a man who may have assaulted two teenage girls in a Springfield Park. It happened just a few minutes before 8 p.m. in Van Horn Park off Armory Street. Springfield Police Lt. Robert Strempek told 22News one of victims said she was assaulted by a man with a knife. The two, ages 16 and 17 were taken to the hospital to be checked out. Police have been combing Van Horn Park and parts of Hungry Hill looking for the suspect

**News**                                      **09/23/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

And more violence in Springfield tonight, this time in a Liberty heights Convenience store parking lot. The shooting happened outside the Honeyland Farms at 760 Liberty Street, a few minutes after five o'clock tonight. Springfield Police Captain William Collins told 22News that an officer on patrol heard gunshots and saw a car speeding away. He pulled the car over to discover there were two shooting victims inside. One had a gunshot wound to his shoulder; the other his chest. That victim's in the intensive care unit at Baystate Medical Center. Captain Collins told 22News the gunman ran down Grover Street, where police recovered a 9 millimeter pistol. They've also recovered a Jeep the gunman got out of just before he fired several shots into the victims' car in the parking lot. Police are looking at surveillance video. No arrests yet.

**News**                                      **09/24/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

A University of Massachusetts student is accused of breaking into an Amherst Restaurant overnight. Amherst police arrested Jamison Lapan of Turners Falls early this morning. Amherst Police Lt. Ronald Young told 22News that police were called to the East Pleasant Street Bertucci's after a security alarm went off. Police arrived to find the restaurant's glass front door smashed in, but no one was inside the building. Police say they found Lapan hiding in the bushes outside. He was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property.

**News**                                      **09/25/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

It seems a popular outdoor attraction in Holyoke may also become popular with thieves. Johnathan Haluck told 22News someone smashed the window of his car that was in the parking lot of the Dinosaur Tracks on Route 5 and stole some valuables inside, including a cell phone. He said he hopes police and the Trustees of Reservations, which oversees the park, will take action.

**News**                                      **09/27/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**

A Massachusetts state trooper will be arraigned today after allegedly driving drunk then pointing a gun at an off-duty Boston police officer. State police say 41 year old Timothy Walsh is an 18-year veteran who's been on military leave in the Army for five years. According to a police report, Walsh struck several cars early Saturday on his Boston Street, and then pointed his gun at an unnamed Boston officer who lives on the street. Walsh then allegedly went into his house and fired a gun.

**News**                                      **09/28/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Police in Boston say four people including a toddler have been killed and a fifth person is not expected to survive after an early morning shooting in Mattapan. Two men and one woman were found dead in the street just after one this morning. The toddler, aged either 2 or 3, died at the hospital. A man in his 30's was also shot and is not expected to survive. No arrests have been made but Investigators think the victims knew the shooter and they're appealing to the public for any information. Police are looking for a silver or gray Ford Explorer that may be connected to the shooting.

**News**                                      **09/28/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Police in Greenfield are searching for a man accused of kidnapping. Detective Kevin Rowell told 22News, Kenny Silva is wanted for allegedly breaking into a woman's car early Sunday morning. When the woman attempted to flee, Silva allegedly sliced her face with a sharp object. Detective Rowell said Silva should be considered armed and dangerous. If you have any information about Silva's whereabouts, contact your local police department or the Greenfield Police Department at 413-773-5411.

**News**                                      **09/29/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Three Holyoke men face arraignment on more than two dozen firearms and drug charges after police saw someone in one car firing at another car they were chasing through downtown Holyoke. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott said several officers were waiting to gas up their cruisers when they heard gunfire, and then saw two vehicles speeding away, with someone shooting at the car in front of it. Police arrested 31 year old Alexis Gonzalez, 23 year old Jose Vazquez, and 24 year old Christian Martinez. Police recovered a 45 caliber semi- automatic pistol and several spent shell casings. All three face arraignment Wednesday in Holyoke district court.

**News**

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Springfield police are searching for a man they say was involved in a shooting last week. The shooting happened outside the Honeyland Farms on Liberty Street last Wednesday. Sgt. John Delaney told 22news that two people were shot point blank while they were sitting inside a car. Delaney says one of the victims is still in the hospital and that Craig McNair is considered armed and dangerous. Three other men were arrested an hour after the shooting. If you have any information about McNair, call police or text a tip.

**News**

**09/30/10**

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Police in Ludlow are looking for a man who attempted to hold up a 24 hour gas station with a syringe. It happened at the Pride station on Center Street around two this morning. Sgt. Dave Kornacki told 22news that the suspect is a white man about six feet tall who wore a shirt over his face. Sgt. Kornacki said the clerk was not injured in the robbery attempt, and the suspect left the store empty handed. Police are now looking at surveillance photos from the store.

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Education during the 3<sup>rd</sup> dquarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      07/14/10                                      5:30pm                                      : 30**

Springfield College is going global. The college and Hokkaido Junior college out of Japan today signed a collaborative 5 year agreement. This is the 14th higher education institution with an active international agreement with Springfield College.

**News                                      07/21/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

A unique collaboration between Elms College in Chicopee and Holyoke Community College, they're offering students a new option to rapidly complete their bachelor's degree. Prospective students were learning about the program tonight at HCC. Starting in late August, Elms College is offering accelerated bachelor's degree programs in psychology, accounting and business management.

**News                                      07/21/10                                      5am                                      : 30**

The state's education curriculum is changing. Massachusetts education officials have approved a plan to replace the state's math and English public school curricula with national standards. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 9-0 Wednesday to accept the new national Common Core Standards, which specify what is taught in math and English classes at each grade level. The guidelines have been promoted by the Obama administration and developed by a state consortium. Opponents contend the state's educational system will be weakened by the move and the standards could force the state to abandon its MCAS test.

**News                                      07/26/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

The battle to save a Springfield Charter School from closing appears to be over. A Suffolk Superior Court judge has refused to block the state-ordered shutdown of the Robert M. Hughes Academy Charter School in Springfield, ending a six-month legal fight. In the latest appeal Judge Regina Quinlan ruled that the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education was justified in revoking the school's charter following an MCAS cheating scandal in 2009. Joelle Jenkins, the school's principal, told The Republican newspaper that the governing board at the taxpayer-financed academy has decided to abandon any further legal appeals.

**News                                      08/11/10                                      5am                                      : 30**

New life for a closed school in Worthington. Budget cuts closed the Russell H. Conwell School in Worthington in June. Parents fought to re-open it as a privately run community school. On Tuesday night, parents came out with their children to put the classrooms in order. Teachers have taken risks to take the job at the new school. But the parents aren't the only ones happy to come out and help. 40 children are enrolled at Russell H. Conwell School, which will teach pre-K through sixth grade. Teaching Director Joanne Dupont told 22News they'd cap enrollment at 50 students. Classes begin September 1<sup>st</sup>. This Saturday, Stained Front man, "Aaron Lewis and Friends" will hold a benefit concert at the Pines Theater in Northampton to raise money for the school.

**News**                                      **08/13/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

State education officials say Kiley Middle School in Springfield is among 12 Massachusetts schools sharing a \$27 million federal grant to improve student performance. The Kiley School will receive \$2.2 million, having met the criteria for "underperforming." Of the more than 7-thousand students in the 12 schools, 88% are considered low income and 26% don't speak English well. Each school will adopt the federally developed turnaround program outlined in their proposal to win the grant.

**News**                                      **08/16/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Educators are getting more and more support, from area residents as state funding fails to come through. Greenfield Community College's dual enrollment program isn't the only that has been saved by private donations. Sunderland and Greenfield schools have also raised money as state budgets became crushed under the weight of the recession. Shane Hammond with GCC says their dual enrollment program allows high school students to take some college courses. The program has been slowly losing money from the state, until the funding was completely cut for this upcoming school year. However GCC received a donation that pays for the entire program, about \$24,000. Hammond says the community continues to rally around education because of the difference it makes in students lives.

**News**                                      **08/17/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Big changes will await students returning to Dean Technical High School in the fall. After being deemed one of the state's lowest performing schools, its new principal is hoping to be proactive. At a meeting tonight, the school called on parents to get involved and make sure that students make it to class ready to learn.

**News**                                      **08/23/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

For a lot of people, it's the last full week of summer vacation, even though we're weeks away from Labor Day. Schools still out for summer, but not for long, it's just about that time to head back to school, so, who's ready? In previous years, Labor Day used to mark the end of summer and kids going back to school. But, it's not like that anymore; in fact most kids in the area are going back about a week before Labor Day.



**News**                                      **08/24/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A huge win when it comes to education funding. It was just announced that Massachusetts is one of nine states chosen to share in 3.4 billion dollars from the second round of the Race to the Top grant completion. That means Massachusetts will be getting \$250 million dollars in education grants. The "Race to the Top" program is part of President Obama's economic stimulus plan. For the winners, the grants mean a cash infusion at a time when education funding is dwindling, forcing teacher layoffs and program reductions.

**News**                                      **08/25/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A new year and a new school, sort of. Construction crews are rushing to finish millions of dollars in renovations to Holyoke High School. Hard hats and construction tools have been the norm at Holyoke High for students for the past year. But this year despite the clutter in the hallways you see now come Wednesday it will all be gone. Last July crews began their work inside school to make over \$22 million in much needed improvements. Assistant Principal Ellen Sullivan said students and staff were able work around the reconstruction. And when they return next week, the facelift should be finished. A fresh start in a new year for students in the paper city; and the project manager believes that more money has been secured by the city to fix even more items in the school next summer.

**News**                                      **08/27/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Thanks to new technology, a well-known school staple will soon be obsolete. From chalkboards to whiteboards, to smart boards. That's right, a new interactive computer board is starting to take over, and one Springfield charter school will start using them this school year. School's almost in session, but on Friday teachers were the one's doing the learning trying to figure out how to use these computer interactive whiteboards with integrated data projectors. The Martin Luther King Junior Charter School has 12 of these white boards, now teachers can write with their fingers, move diagrams and much more. Teachers say this will surely enhance the classroom experience. Chicopee- based Valley Communications Systems donated these SMART boards to the charter school. They expect students to adapt to these new boards easily. Now teachers and faculty members cannot wait to get this SMART board school year started. These 12 SMART boards were valued at \$48,000. Valley Communications Systems has installed more than 24,000 of these SMART boards throughout the Northeast.

**News**                                      **08/27/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

A local community college received a good grade in a national report. Greenfield Community College scored at average or above average on all their marks. The report also revealed what most colleges are struggling to do. The Community College Survey of Student Engagement, or CSSEE shows students feel they're receiving challenging course work. However the report showed that only 39% received some kind of degree within 8 years and that a low percentage of students came prepared to class, or spent more than 10 hours a week outside of the classroom studying. Bob Pura, President of Greenfield Community

college says the way to fix that problem, is to engage the student. And colleges have to find a way to meet everyone's goals.

**News**                                      **08/30/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

The race to the top is bringing some much needed money to the Springfield school system. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan visited Springfield this afternoon on his "Courage in the Classrooms" bus tour. Massachusetts won \$250 million dollars in federal education grants as part of the Obama administration's "Race to the Top" program. Duncan stopped at the High School of Commerce this afternoon to participate in an education forum with Lt. Governor Timothy Murray. Duncan's bus tour began last week with visits to schools in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

**News**                                      **08/30/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Many students went back to school in Western Massachusetts today. Whether it was by skateboard, school bus or even mom and dad, students across Western Massachusetts headed back to the classrooms. Parents worrying about dropping their kids off to high school for the first time, concerned about what lies ahead. And as students head toward the double doors for the first time this school year, there's more on their minds than just math and reading; for example, fitting in with their classmates. Students embarking on the new school year told 22News, although it's a clean slate, they are prepared for the scholastic and social challenges that lie ahead in order to meet their ultimate goal.

**News**                                      **08/30/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Kiley Middle School in Springfield has won a grant to help make improvements in academic achievement. The school was recognized as one of ten underperforming schools in Springfield. The \$2.2 million dollars will be used to implement programs for students and teachers. Superintendent, Dr. Alan Ingram along with members of the state board of education toured the school. They met with the Kiley Redesign Team, the group designated to create and carry out changes that will focus on literacy.

**News**                                      **09/01/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Greenfield is enrolling students from across the Commonwealth for kindergarten through 8th grade. It works like school choice, but instead of going to a school nearby, some Massachusetts students will get their education over the internet. Greenfield is trying to get more students through their doors but not here, through the computer. It's baffled some parents. Greenfield's Superintendent Susan Hollins, says the Massachusetts Virtual Academy at Greenfield has had big response, more than 250 of 500 spots filled within the first few weeks. She says many need this kind of learning environment. It won't be so different than regular school. They'll take attendance, have a daily schedule and the children will have someone working with them in person. Someone to help guide them through the first year, of the only Virtual school in New England. They say the biggest challenge besides

having to set up the school within a couple of weeks is getting the message out to students and parents that need this service the most.

**News**                                      **09/03/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

It was a morning filled with anxiety and anticipation for first year students arriving at Springfield College today. It was an emotional day for first time college students at Springfield College. Move in day on campus can be overwhelming for students who have never been away from home before. But upperclassmen and staff help make students feel welcome. Most students get over that initial anxiety, but for some, it take time to adjust. The school says for those students there are services available. The RA's and RD's are all trained to work with students who are having any kind of issue. The people who are feeling homesick or not getting involved we specifically invite them to things. Parents also have anxiety, but some took it in stride.

**News**                                      **09/03/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Students in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School district will soon start to see their new high school take shape. Students from pre-k all the way up to current high-schoolers were at the official groundbreaking ceremony today to kick-off the building of their new school. The \$65 million dollar project was approved in July of last year. It will be built on the land behind the current school. The district superintendent told 22News the current school outlived its physical and educational potential.

**News**                                      **09/12/10**                                      **7am**                                      **: 30**

Now that school for kids is back in session the brand new Springfield Parent Academy hosted its first open house. At the Academy parents are able to take courses for free to focus on improving their child's learning. One parent told 22News this is a good way to get involved.

**News**                                      **09/24/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Springfield schools will receive a portion of \$27 million dollars in federal funding that is aimed at improving low performing schools. The program is designed to help attract sought-after teachers and principals to schools in need of improvement. Boston schools will also get a portion of the money. A total of 22 schools in the two cities have been targeted.

**News**                                      **09/29/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Eighth graders could be attending classes at the Monson High School if a proposal by the school superintendent is approved. Superintendent Patrice Dardenne put forth the reorganization plan as a way to give 8th graders more opportunities to participate in sports, which are not available at the middle school, and better prepare them for MCAS tests. The superintendent says there would be very little interaction between the 8th graders and the upperclassmen here at the high school. They would be having lunch as 8th graders with only other 8th graders. Their classes for the most part would be at the 8th grade level, there

would be very little if any integration into high school coursework and they would be in a separated part of the building. If approved, the plan would be in place for the 2011-2012 school years.

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Area Elementary schools are putting a special emphasis on educating students about where their lunch comes from. Its part of the Farm to Table program that many area schools participate in. Sunderland Elementary Schools principle, Tim Merritt says they do the program annually to help children connect to their local land, as well as put a focus on nutrition. Students spent the week on local farms, doing the labor to bring corn for example, from the farm, to their lunch.

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Environment during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      07/07/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Wildfires don't just affect the west coast, they can happen here in the Bay State. With the hot dry weather comes a warning. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has issued an increased risk of brush and forest fires for the state. Local firefighters are now alert for signs of wild fires.

**News                                      07/07/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Today's UV index was higher than normal. The UV index measures the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays on a scale from 1 to 11. 1 being the lowest and 11 being the highest and the most dangerous. And it's not just hot, the sun can be dangerous on days like this when the UV index reading is a 10. The higher it is the more radiation is reaching the ground, can reach your skin and can cause not just a sunburn but, skin damage. That can lead to wrinkles, age spots, and even skin cancer. Even though there are some clouds in the sky, that's not enough to stop the harmful UV rays. And if you're wondering what kind of sunscreen you should use SPF 30 will block out 97% of these harmful UV rays as you go higher, you only get a little bit more protection.

**News                                      07/08/10                                      6pm                                      : 30**

A Stanford University study concludes that as global warming continues, heat waves like the one we're experiencing right now will be increasingly common in the future. An assistant professor of environmental earth system science, and a former Stanford postdoctoral fellow used a series of computer models of climate to calculate changes in the future with increased levels of carbon dioxide and other gasses in the atmosphere. They calculate that within 30 years the average temperature could be 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, or 2 degrees Celsius higher than the mid 1800's.

**News                                      07/08/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

BP officials hope to have the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico contained earlier than expected. The British oil company is pushing to fix the leaking oil well by July 27<sup>th</sup>, weeks ahead of an earlier expected date of mid-August. BP is drilling two relief wells that will pump through material designed to seal the leaking well. According to BP, one of the relief wells is now only 12ft. horizontally and 300ft. vertically from the leak. The broken well has spewed between 86 and 169 million gallons of oil, according to federal estimates.

**News                                      07/20/10                                      6am                                      : 30**

Oil and gas are leaking from the cap on BP's ruptured oil well this morning, but federal officials intend to leave the cork in place for now. Retired Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen says leaks are so far not a major concern. He also says seepage about two miles away is likely not related to the ruptured well. Allen says if there was a quick rise in pressure, they would open the well immediately to keep from creating leaks deep underground.

**News**                      **07/20/10**                      **5:30pm**                      **: 30**

UMass Amherst has devised a way to protect the wetlands from excess rainwater. They built a bio-retention swale also known as a "rain garden" outside of the Studio Arts Building. Since much of UMass Amherst is paved, most of their rainwater goes down these drains and travels into the wetlands around the university. This "rain garden" collects the rainwater and deposits it directly into the ground. That protects the wetlands, which can be very sensitive.

**News**                      **07/26/10**                      **11pm**                      **: 30**

They've neutralized a Hazardous Materials situation at the Granby landfill. Fire Fighters had to don their chemical protection suits to deal with a situation at the Granby sanitary Landfill on New Ludlow Road this afternoon. A truck driver arriving to drop off a load at the landfill told 22news they were turned away because a blue barrel started giving off fumes and smoke.

**News**                      **07/26/10**                      **11pm**                      **: 30**

It's been an unusually hot, dry summer so far and that's had local farmers running around like crazy. But finally we have gotten the much-needed rain farmers have been seeking. Yet when Mother Nature doesn't provide enough, rain 'man' must come in to make up the difference, irrigating constantly or the entire crop will die. At Cecchi farms in Feeding Hills, their irrigation efforts have been enough to keep this years veggies tasty as ever.

**News**                      **07/27/10**                      **5pm**                      **: 30**

Imagine using the earth's heat to heat and cool your home or business. It's called geothermal technology and one local organization is hoping to save energy costs. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Seven is combining geothermal with an already existing solar powered system. Twelve one-hundred foot deep holes are being drilled at the site. Copper tubing is inserted to bring up the heat. Geothermal can save anywhere from fifty to eighty percent of energy costs. And no need for new construction. Existing buildings can be retrofitted with the system.

**News**                      **07/27/10**                      **6pm**                      **: 30**

As the recovery effort continues in the Gulf. BP officially announced a change in leadership today. For the first time in 100-years an American will be in charge of the company. Set to take on the role of CEO in October Bob Dudley seems to understand BP is ultimately linked to and in many ways just like the disaster it's blamed for in the gulf. Damaged and in

disarray. Business was the primary focus of a congressional panel in Washington today. Beaches, some stained by tar, others still with pure white sand are mostly empty because of the threat of oil. While the thick mess in the marsh and wetland has forced fishermen to stay on shore. A new Oxford economics study predicts the financial impact of the spill could last for 3 years at a cost of nearly \$23 billion dollars. Hand-picked by the president, Kenneth Feinberg is the man in charge of distributing BP's relief funds. At the spill site crews are working as fast as they can to permanently seal the well, part of a recovery, and clean-up that will continue long after the flow of oil ends.

**News**                                      **07/28/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

It's been 100 days since the start of the massive oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. And the gulf is still reeling from the spill. 22News reporter Jackie Bruno is live in Hampshire County to explain how some U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees in Hadley are helping. Over twenty employees have travelled to the Gulf region to help with the clean up. Some stayed for two weeks while others stayed for an entire month. Paul Phifer told us that while he was there he worked 12 or 14 hour days. He said crews were always working, even throughout the night. He said now that the leak has been capped, the mood has improved a bit. But, he said everyone's worried about the long term consequences.

**News**                                      **07/29/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The west bound Blandford rest stop on the Mass Pike remains closed. Hazardous materials crews continued the clean up of a sulfuric waste product. The leak was discovered Tuesday coming from a truck hauling about forty-thousand pounds of the product. The task force dismantled the contaminated tractor trailer and transported the pieces to a disposal facility. Workers at the scene are concentrating on soil contamination. It is unknown at this time how long the final stage of clean up will take.

**News**                                      **08/03/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

They want to fill up your tank with processed used cooking oil and waste animal fats. Bio-fuel, also known as Bio-diesel, not to be confused with bio-mass, combines petroleum products with biological products, to run your truck or heat your home. CEO Larry Union wants to put the waste leftover from cooking your meal, into your gas tank. He says that means they won't have to dig into the food supply to make the fuel which very often burns cleaner than regular diesel or gasoline. He and other community members celebrated the groundbreaking for the 3.5 million gallon a year bio-fuel plant, which will be built in the Greenfield Industrial Park. Lynn Benander with COOP power says it's been a long road for the plant. Instead of getting money from a venture capital group, the plant is owned by the 300 person Co-op Power. That could end up being a cleaner way for you to drive.

**News**                                      **08/07/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Over a dozen people gathered at City Hall to rally in Northampton to make Main Street the first solar-powered street in the US. They continue to remember the 200 thousand people

that were killed 65 years ago, yesterday after the US dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Supporters say ending carbon and nuclear pollution is the only way to build local, clean and green infrastructure.

**News**                                      **08/24/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

The Cape Wind Project isn't the only wind energy proposal meeting a stiff breeze. First Wind wants to build turbines in Brimfield, but many residents say they don't want wind power in their back yard. More than 50 people came out to First Wind's informational meeting on their Brimfield wind power proposal. First Wind plans on installing 10 turbines on West Mountain and Steerage Rock in Brimfield. Residents told 22News they are concerned about how these turbines will affect property values. A lot of towns, where they have put in turbines have been loss of property values any place from 25% to 50%. First Wind's also admitted that these 450 foot tall turbines do make sounds. The possible noise pollution has turned off some residents. Though the debate is starting to heat up, this wind power proposal is only in the beginning stages. It's unclear at this time if turbines will ever come to Brimfield. The next informational meeting is September 21st. A public hearing will be held on September 29th.

**News**                                      **08/24/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

One Pioneer Valley wood company is getting some green. The Rocky Mountain Wood Company in Wilbraham has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the USDA. The money will help them create a plan to develop a wood pellet and shavings manufacturing facility. Currently, there is an abundance of low grade wood material that is difficult to dispose of. This material will now be recycled to create an alternative fuel source.

**News**                                      **08/25/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Hundreds of people were forced to evacuate their apartments today after a gas leak in Springfield. Here at the intersection of Federal and Worthington Street in Springfield, hundreds of people were pushed away from the leak. The Springfield Fire Department told 22News, a utility maintenance contractor struck a gas line. Residents that live near the intersection were forced to evacuate because the leak could have caused an explosion. People said they weren't sure what was going on, and everything was just frantic.

**News**                                      **08/27/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The U.S. government is reopening more federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico for commercial and recreational fishing. The waters had been closed because of the massive oil spill. The head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that the government is reopening 4,281 square miles of federal waters off the coast of western Louisiana. Oil sheen has not been seen there since July 29, and scientists have not found any oil or dispersants on samples of the area's shrimp.

**News**                                      **09/02/10**                                      **5am**                                      **: 30**



Thousands are gathered along the eastern seaboard for the start of the long Labor Day weekend, and officials in many places are now making the decision on whether or not to order evacuations due to Hurricane Earl. Earl is once again a powerful Category 4 hurricane with winds of 135 mph, but is expected to weaken as it moves north.

**News**                                      **09/04/10**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

Here in Western Massachusetts we saw very little in the way of the effects of Tropical Storm Earl but it was a different story overnight on the Cape and Islands where residents and visitors had been on high alert for days. In Chatham people were running for cover as the storm's high winds and rains made their arrival overnight. Earl had weakened considerably by the time it got near the state's coastline and so far there have only been a few reports of downed power lines and isolated flooding. Officials are warning that rip currents would continue to be a concern today and tomorrow. With offshore seas up to 20 feet, beaches would continue to see big waves that could knock people off jetties or piers.

**News**                                      **09/08/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

The state's newest agriculture statistics were revealed at a farmer business breakfast in Amherst today. Pioneer Valley Farmers gathered at Hampshire College's Red Barn Wednesday morning to discuss the United States Department of Agriculture's latest census numbers; statistics that affect many here in Western Massachusetts, since agriculture has been a vital part of the area's economy for decades. The 1997 to 2002 census showed decreasing farm numbers and loss of revenue. Farmers weren't sure what to expect this time, considering the economic times plus running a farm these days is no easy task. Even though the nation continues to battle the worst economic downturn since the great depression, according to the USDA census from 2002 to 2007, the number of state farms grew 27%, and these farms are doing well financially. And people who attended Wednesday's meeting told 22News the health and environmental benefits of locally grown products will help these farmers sustain these successful statistics. The next agriculture census will be released in 2012.

**News**                                      **09/16/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Some residents in Holyoke are upset because their water is brown. It's been going on about six weeks. We've been having some brown water that's been coming out of the faucet, the toilet, the shower and brown sediment at the bottom of the glass. Butch Seidel a supervisor in the "Reservoir Division at Holyoke Water Works" told 22news there is discoloration of water in some neighborhoods, but it is safe to drink. Seidel says he thinks the problems are because of lack of rainfall this year. So far, crews have flushed out hydrants and one of the major water mains, but the discoloration remains. Seidel hopes the water will be back to normal in about a week. If you have any questions call the treatment plant at 532-6778.

**News**                                      **09/20/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A dry summer has led the Greenfield Department of Public works to ask their residents to limit how much water they use. Greenfield residents are using about 40 thousand gallons more per day during the summer this year compared to last year. They're asking people to voluntarily restrict watering their lawns, washing their cars, or anything else that uses a lot of water. They say just turning off the kitchen faucet a little earlier can make a difference. Reservoirs and other water supplies are beginning to get low.

**News**                                      **09/28/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

A group opposing construction of a wood burning power plant in Greenfield wants the courts to decide the project. There have been a number of suits against biomass developers. One organized partly by the concerned citizens of Franklin County was that the plants special permit is no good, since the plant will no longer be using wastewater to cool itself. The group filed a motion for summary judgment with the Franklin Superior Court yesterday, to speed up the process. The group campaigned for a town wide referendum last June to prevent the town from selling wastewater.

**News**                                      **09/28/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

The first four of 35 towns to be designated as Green Communities by the state got their funding today. Each town is handling the money differently, but some people may be able to take advantage of the green funds, to lower their electric bill. Greenfield, Athol, Montague, and Palmer were the first four Green Communities to get their share of the 8.1 million dollars of grants. The money will fund projects that will help the town save tens of thousands of dollars on energy costs. Massachusetts Energy Secretary Ian Bowles says it will enable towns to attack new opportunities. But many residents are hoping the benefits trickle down to them. And in Greenfield it might. Mayor Bill Martin says part of their plan is to set up a new program that will help homeowners and businesses do energy audits, and to help pay for the work. It's not tax money either. The program is paid for by the region charging companies that spew green house gases into the atmosphere.

**News**                                      **09/30/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Western Mass is bracing for the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole. The storm is bringing some much needed rain to the area. But there's concern that the storm could cause flooding and bring high wind gusts late tonight and overnight to the area. A flood watch is now in effect for Western Massachusetts.

**News**                                      **09/30/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

The fall colors are coming, but many trees are already losing their leaves. But many tourism hotspots say that the quality of the foliage doesn't necessarily determine the quantity of visitors. Many trees this year sprouted early color, but there are trees that have lost almost all their leaves already. The heavy rain isn't helping, tearing some leaves off their branches. There are still plenty of green trees which have time to turn. But some tourist shop owners

say the quality of the season won't stop people who are already traveling from around the country and the world.

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Health-Smoking during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      07/01/10                                      5:30pm                                      : 30**

About 25% of the swine flu vaccine produced for the American public is being thrown out. The CDC rushed manufacturers to push millions of doses of vaccine to stave off this potential epidemic, which evaporated. Now, 40 million doses worth \$260 million expired, the unused batches, being burned. But federal officials defend the pricey purchase. They had to produce it, they did identify the virus and it's just a mismatch. Infectious disease nurse at Holyoke Medical Center, Carol Wojnarowski explained, it takes 6 months to produce the vaccine. As soon as it was readily available, the disease declined. When the disease was peaking in June, the vaccine was coming off the production line. If all the remaining vaccine goes unused next month, nearly half of the production will be pitched. This flu season in October the H1N1 vaccine will be combined with the seasonal flu shot.

**News                                      07/08/10                                      5:30pm                                      : 30**

Starting next year, restaurants will have to reveal how many calories are in their meals. Whether you order through a drive through or at a sit down restaurant, you'll know how many calories you're about to consume because it will be listed right next to the item. This law will also apply to vending machines, coffee shops, movie theaters, and bakeries.

**News                                      07/09/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Drug companies are supposed to report the gifts they give to doctors, but that could change. The house approved an economic development bill that would reverse a law that requires drug companies to reveal what gifts they give doctors. Bill supporters say the ban on gifts makes it harder to attract companies to Massachusetts. But BAN supporters say gifts drive up health care costs by encouraging doctors to prescribe expensive brand name medicines.

**News                                      07/16/10                                      11pm                                      : 30**

A measles alert has been issued in the northeast. Connecticut Health officials say a patient with measles rode the Cross Sound Ferry on July 7th. Anyone who was on the "John H" ferry at this time may be at risk. People who have had two doses of the MMR vaccine are considered to be immune. But, there are still cases out there. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, loss of appetite and a rash.

**News                                      07/19/10                                      5pm                                      : 30**

Electronic Cigarettes look and act like real cigarettes, but they're not regulated by the FDA. According to the Daily Hampshire Gazette, cities like Easthampton, South Hadley, and Holyoke have all passed ordinances on these electronic cigarettes. It's something that Northampton is looking at doing as well. Cigarettes are sharply regulated by the FDA, but Electronic Cigarettes are not. These new devices are widely available online in flavors such as strawberry, blueberry, and chocolate. But they're not candy, they're still a source of nicotine. They also contain the toxic chemical, diethylene glycol, which is antifreeze and certain chemicals called tobacco specifics. These are carcinogens. They cause cancer. And that's why some cities and towns are trying to make sure these cigarettes don't get into the hands of kids. South Hadley passed a local ordinance against electronic cigarettes, which bans them from being sold to children under the age of 18. They also can not be smoked in workplaces. Northampton is considering a similar ordinance. They also want to know where these e-cigarettes are being sold so they can do checks to protect minors. Northampton is holding a public hearing about e-cigarettes this Thursday night. It starts at 6:30 at City Hall.

**News**                                      **07/23/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

The Northampton Board of Health heard from the "other" side tonight. The Board of health held a hearing on a proposal to add so-called "e-cigarettes" to their "No Smoking in Public Places" regulations. But most of the people who chose to speak out on the matter maintain electronic cigarettes help people quit smoking, and that there are no health issues or second-hand smoke impact.

**News**                                      **08/03/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Australia, Brazil, and Canada all have banned e-cigarettes. Now, Singapore has outlawed them as well. Last month, Northampton held an open hearing to ask its residents about e-cigarettes. Some people said they are using them to try and quit smoking while other people fear they could make smoking accessible to kids. Currently, anyone can buy them online and in stores. Since that meeting, Northampton has proposed changing their smoking policy. One of the proposals would ban them from workplaces. The other would prevent them from being sold to minors.

**News**                                      **08/03/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Massachusetts towns are saving big money by enrolling workers and retirees in the state's health insurance plan. This move has saved 14 towns a combined \$30 million in just one year. That's according to new numbers from a study done by "The Boston Foundation." In 2007 state lawmakers changed a law to allow cities and towns to join the state system if the unions give them permission. But many unions have rejected the move, saying it would result in higher copayments.

**News**                                      **08/03/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Small businesses could save money on health insurance if the Governor signs a reform measure approved by lawmakers. The legislation allows small businesses to form co-ops as a way to strengthen their purchasing power.

**News**                                      **09/07/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Frustrated health officials say that U.S. smoking rates are holding steady with one in five adults still lighting up. About 21% of adults were smokers in 2009. The smoking rate has basically been flat since about 2004. Health officials say that's because of cuts to anti-tobacco campaigns, and shrewd marketing by cigarette companies.

**News**                                      **09/10/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

One-stop shopping, you can now get medical consultations in the same place you buy your milk and eggs. The Big Y on Cooley Street in Springfield is now home to a Consultation and Wellness Center, its part of a partnership with Western New England College's School of Pharmacy.

**News**                                      **09/16/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

A health scare prompted an evacuation of the Harris Elementary School in Springfield today. 3 teachers and two students were sent home after they reported feeling nauseous. The fire department brought all the students and staff outside as they checked for Carbon Monoxide.

**News**                                      **09/22/10**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

Panic over H1N1 has ended, but the effects of the illness are still being felt, especially in kids. Doctors say they are seeing neurological after effects, like seizures and behavioral changes in children that caught the virus. Dr. Josh Bonkowsky and colleagues at the University of Utah wondered if what they were seeing last year was a statistical aberration or something unique to H1N1. The data showed the virus was perhaps a little more villainous than what they usually see with the traditional flu. Seizures and encephalopathy were the most common complications. More than half the kids who had seizures developed a life threatening condition called epilepticus, where continuous seizures happen for more than 5 to 30 minutes. While most children recovered, a few, even a year later, are still taking anti-seizure medications. Others are still experiencing some cognitive issues. H1N1 probably won't pose much of a threat this season, but because a higher number of kids experience serious complications during last year's pandemic Bonkowsky says its important families get a flu shot this year where H1N1 immunity is packaged along with protection from other flu bugs into one single shot.

**News**                                      **09/29/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

It's something that may be all too familiar to you. You or your co-workers stepping out for a smoke break during the work day. We're talking about one employee potentially costing their employer thousands of dollars. According to an Action on Smoking and Health study,

smoker's average four 15-minute breaks a day that's an hour of the workday spent smoking. Something their non-smoking co-workers aren't entirely happy about. But, according to the study, a single smoking employee can cost employers over \$12,000 a year in added medical care costs and lost productivity. More companies are charging their employees more for health insurance, some are even keeping some companies off the payroll.

The following is WWLP programming addressing Jobs during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2010. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.

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**News**                                      **07/01/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A stressful holiday weekend ahead for some of those who are unemployed. Congress will not resume debate on whether to extend unemployment benefits until after their weeklong vacation for Independence Day. Some say the benefits are insurance against the economy sliding back into recession. Others worry about adding to the growing national debt.

**News**                                      **07/15/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Unemployment numbers may only be falling slowly, but a new report says that one category of workers may be in demand within a few years. The new report calls them, middle skills. Things like computer technicians, and certain manufacturing jobs, may be a big factor in the states economic future. It's not a college degree, or special skills that may be the door into Massachusetts jobs over the next few years. A new study by the National Skills Coalition shows that by 2016, one third of Massachusetts job openings will require more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year college degree. Of course middle skill jobs, may not be the best paying, but the report says they do have a median annual income of about \$55,000 a year.

**News**                                      **07/20/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

When it comes to the local job market there's some optimistic news from the state today. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development are reporting that the statewide unemployment rates are falling. And that could be a sign that the economy's improving here in the Bay State. The seasonally adjusted statewide June 2010 unemployment rate, released on July 14th, was 9.0%, down from the 9.2% in May. The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate for June 2010, also released on July 14th, showed a gain of 500 jobs over the month. There have been six straight months of private sector job growth.

**News**                                      **07/26/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Summer is the time when a lot of teens try to get jobs. Once your teen's gets a job, experts say parents should start talking to them about how to manage their income. Over at UMASS Five College Credit Union, they recommend parents help their teenagers set savings goals. Find an item that they'd like to save for and help them track their progress.

**News**                                      **07/29/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

New jobless claims are down again for the third time in four weeks. This is a good sign that the economy likely added jobs this month. But it's not enough to lower the nation's high unemployment rate. "Rexene Picard" of Future Works career center told 22News employers are still holding back on hiring.

**News**                                      **08/20/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Some newly laid off employees from the Wonderland Greyhound Park are blaming the governor for their job losses. The greyhound racing park closed for good today. Some

former employees are now blaming Governor Patrick for his unwillingness to sign the expanded gambling bill, passed by the house and senate. It would have allowed resort casinos as well as slot machines at wonderland and one other park.

**News**                                      **08/21/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Massachusetts seems to be a bright spot in the otherwise gloomy economic picture. Massachusetts reported strong job growth last month. The state added nearly 20,000 private sector jobs, the largest monthly gain in 20 years. People in Greater Springfield told 22News, the spike in jobs doesn't surprise them. I've seen some employment in the health care sector; I've seen some improvement with employment in the hospitality sector. The unemployment rate in the bay state, dropped to 9%. Nationwide, jobless claims were stuck at 9.5% in July.

**News**                                      **09/01/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Do people actually find jobs at a career fair? A career fair sponsored by Career Point in Holyoke recently had over five-hundred job seekers. More than thirty companies were there to fill several hundred positions.

**News**                                      **09/03/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

As we head toward Labor Day, a day designed to honor America's workers, unemployment numbers out this morning will put a spotlight on the lack of jobs available in this country. And the outlook may not be so great. Overall employment is expected to drop by 100,000 today, mostly the loss of temporary census jobs. Economists predict some bright spots, like private companies hiring and gains in manufacturing. There are signs of hope; fewer people filed unemployment claims last week. And though private companies cut 10,000 jobs last month, planned layoffs hit the lowest level in a decade. Unions say we need another stimulus. The White House is reluctant to spend more taxpayer money. And so the nation waits amid fears that without more jobs, a second recession may be around the corner. If this happens the Federal Reserve may be forced to jump in and help.

**News**                                      **09/03/10**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

August unemployment figures show that more people are out of work. The unemployment rate is up point one percent from last month. But people in Western Mass aren't losing hope just yet. For the first time in four months the unemployment rate increased. That makes 9.6%. But companies are hiring. A big factor in the increase was due to the addition of people searching for jobs. When the unemployed stop looking for work, they're no longer counted in the jobless rate. But last month more than half a million Americans resumed their job search and drove up the jobless rate. Futureworks says areas like healthcare and administrative services are hiring. But regardless, the number of people searching for a job remains consistent, much like the unemployment rate. And the President has just announced that he plans on unveiling a new package of proposals aimed at sparking job growth.

**News**                                      **09/09/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

Hundreds of jobs will soon be coming to Westfield. The Home Depot deployment center has announced they will be hiring 250 full time and part time positions. Most jobs will be general warehouse. The deployment center doesn't open until later this year. Candidates must apply online ahead of time. The company is accepting applications now.

**News**                                      **09/13/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A new online tool for job seekers, the My Skills My Future site hosted by the U.S Department of Labor matches current skills to new careers. It also provides information on what training is needed to transition from one job to another. The manager of career services at Future Works in Springfield told 22News the internet is an important step in finding a job.

**News**                                      **09/16/10**                                      **11pm**                                      **: 30**

Some Springfield-area residents are getting a helping hand starting a business. The Massachusetts Latino Chamber of Commerce hosted a seminar to teach aspiring entrepreneurs the steps to opening your own business.

**News**                                      **09/29/10**                                      **6pm**                                      **: 30**

Retailers are already gearing up for the holiday season and in some cases they're prepared to hire small armies of workers. And that could lift the holiday spirits for millions who are unemployed. It's not even Halloween, but for some it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. And the larger retailers aren't holding back. Toys 'R' Us plans to double its workforce, Best Buy is looking for 29,000 holiday workers and Target is hiring for all positions. And of course, these jobs are only temporary with most phasing out the first week of January. Futureworks Career Center will have another job fair October 4th at the Basketball Hall of Fame. Counselors there say employers like Fed Ex and UPS will likely be there looking for temporary workers as well.

**News**                                      **09/30/10**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A start-up cellular phone company is the latest victim of the troubled economy. Pocket Wireless announced today that with will cease all business operations in the Greater Springfield-Hartford and New Haven markets by October 31st. In a news release sent to 22news the company said it has already closed 43 retail stores and laid off 100 workers. It said it will keep its Springfield Armory Street and its Holyoke High street stores open until the end of October. The company cites the severe effects of the prolonged economic recession and increased competition from national carriers among the reasons it's shutting down. Effective Friday, the company will no longer be accepting new customers.

